

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action dated April 5, 2007. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments made above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-11 are currently pending in the Application. Claims 1, 7 and 8 are independent claims.

By means of the present amendment, claims 1 and 7 have been amended for better conformance to U.S. practice, such as changing "characterized in that" to --wherein--. By these amendments, claims 1 and 7 were not amended in order to address issues of patentability and Applicants respectfully reserve all rights under the Doctrine of Equivalents.

The Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 7 and 8 are allowed.

In the Office Action, Claims 1, 2, and 5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as allegedly anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 7,009,756 to Kishi ("Kishi"). Claim 3 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Kishi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,375,899 to Ackley ("Ackley"). Claim 4 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Kishi in view of U.S.

Patent No. 6,873,451 to Ukigaya ("Ukigaya"). Claim 6 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as allegedly unpatentable over Kishi in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,738,039 to Goden ("Goden").

It is respectfully submitted that the device of Claim 1 is not anticipated or made obvious by the teachings of Kishi. For example, Kishi does not disclose or suggest, a device that amongst other patentable elements, comprises (illustrative emphasis provided) "a portion of at least one component, being one of spacer or an electrical component other than an electrode, is positioned beneath the obstructing element in such a way that the portion is not visible for a viewer of the display device" as required by claim 1.

Based on the foregoing, the Applicants respectfully submit that independent claim 1 is patentable over Kishi and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited. Claims 2-6 and 9-11 respectively depend from claim 1 and accordingly are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained in each of said claims.

For example, Kishi alone or in combination with any of the cited prior art does not disclose or suggest (illustrative emphasis added) "wherein said at least one component is one of a storage

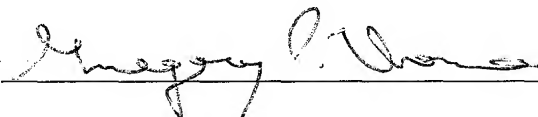
capacitor, a sensor or a thin film transistor" as required by claim 2; or "wherein said display is a reservoir electrophoretic display device, comprising a reservoir light shield, beneath which one or more of an electrode, a storage capacitor, a sensor, and a thin film transistor is positioned" as required by claim 3; or "said pixel further comprising a reflective element for enabling transfective operation, wherein a portion of an additional component is positioned between a back substrate and the reflective element, in such a way that the portion is not visible for a viewer of the display device" as required by claim 4; or "wherein a portion of both of the spacer and the electrical component are positioned beneath the obstructing element" as required by claim 9; or "wherein a portion of at least two electrical components are positioned beneath the obstructing element" as required by claim 10; or "wherein a portion of an electrode is positioned beneath the obstructing element" as required by claim 11. Accordingly, separate consideration of each of the dependent claims is respectfully requested.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of

argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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